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On various occasions we have in these columns alluded to the unnecessary waste of the time of the Legislative Council involved in the reading of the clauses of Bills in extenso when the measure is in Committee. Formerly it was the practice, as it is in all other Legislative assemblies, to read only the marginal notes, but a few years ago the present practice was introduced, for no reason whatever so far as we have been able to ascertain. It now appears that there are a number of Bills coming on which are merely consolidations of the existing law and involve little or no debatable matter. To save the Council the trouble of reading them all through word by word the vain expedient of referring them to a Special Committee has been hit upon. We call the expedient a

into Committee of the whole on the Bills, and, unless the practice be deviated from, read every clause at length. The reference to a Special Committee is supplementary, but cannot be taken as a substitute for any of the ordinary usages of a Bill. Article 36 of the Standing Orders and Rules of the Legislative Council provides that "when a Bill has been read a second time the Council shall resolve itself into Committee to consider it clause by clause, and amend it as deemed necessary." Article 39 provides that "a Bill may be referred either to a Special Committee or to a Standing Committee at any stage of its progress." Clearly the reference here is intended for a special purpose, and is not intended to override the consideration in Committee of the whole provided for in Article 36. If, however, it should be considered that there is any ambiguity about the matter it can be decided by a reference to the practice of the Imperial Parliament. In "May on Parliament" we read—"According to the ancient practice, all ordinary Bills were committed to select committees, and none but the most important were reserved for the consideration of a committee of the whole house. Every public Bill, however, is now considered in Committee of the whole house, whether it be so committed to a select committee or not."

When the Bill was reported from the Select Committee, it is re-committed to a committee of the whole house," etc. When the Bills referred to the Special Committee on Wednesday last came back, therefore, they will have to be re-committed to a committee of the whole Council, and the Council will then have to decide whether it will break with the senseless practice of reading the clauses in extenso or go through the same labour that has so unnecessarily been thrown on a Special Committee.

Notwithstanding that the Standing Orders require reference to a Committee of the whole, it is possible that the Attorney-General may desire to waive the formality, for we observe that he has very little respect for the Orders, although they were drafted by himself. They may be used with effect against an unseasonal member sometimes, but when Governmental action is in question they are treated as a dead letter. For instance, the Hon. B. L. LATTON complained on Wednesday that the first reading of the Bill to amend the Coroners' Abolition Ordinance, moved by the Attorney-General, did not appear on the orders of the day. The Attorney-General replied that it was not necessary to give notice of the first reading, that there was no standing order to that effect. Now, there is most distinctly a standing order to that effect. Article 34 says—"A printed copy of every Bill shall if possible be sent to each member by the Clerk at least two clear days before it is read a first time." At the Attorney-General's statement that there was no particular hurry in regard to this particular Bill, it followed that there could be no reason for not sending a copy to the members as required by the rule. We have quoted, both the spirit and letter of which have been violated. We trust Mr. Lattan will stick to his point,

which is a much more important one than might appear at a first glance. Under the present system laws are often passed, without that opportunity for careful consideration and discussion which the Standing Orders are designed to secure. As a matter of principle, also, a strict observance of all rules and regulations ought to be enforced on officers of the Government, who, instead of considering themselves above the law, ought to be the most punctilious in their observance of it. There is also another inaccuracy into which the Attorney-General fell which it may be well to point out. The hon. gentleman said:—"The rules of the Council are that there should be no discussion or debate on the first reading." There is no such rule. There ought to be, and there was in the old rules, No. 23 of which read:—"On moving the first reading of every Bill the grounds and reasons upon which it is founded shall be stated, either by the Governor or any official member called upon by him for the purpose; but no discussion shall take place thereon." In the rules framed in 1884 this was struck out, principally, probably, to get rid of the provision contained in its earlier portion. Since then not only has no prohibition against discussion on the first reading of a Bill existed, but discussion has on several occasions actually taken place.

We are requested to note that at the 11 a.m. service at St. John's Cathedral to-day a special form of Litany will be used in Intercession on behalf of the Missionary work of the Church.

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The "GLENLIVET"—in round bottles is popular

and good.

IRISH WHISKY.

Only one quality consigned, the best.

POET—"INVALID".

Invalids in particular are recommended to select

this Wine is really an INVALID'S POET.

SHERRY.

For Connoisseurs the following have their own

distinctive merits—

The "INVALID"—mild, delicate, fine flavor.

"AMOROSO," a Sweeter Wine, very popular.

"MANZANILLA," a clear dry appetizing Wine.

"SHERRY—WHITE SEAL," a special favorite in

China.

CLARET.

Perfectly pure Bordeaux, not loaded to please.

vinted pale.

MOUTON—in quarts and pints.

LABOURE—In quarts and pints.

ST. ESTEPHE—in quarts and pints.

MARGAUX—MEDOC—in quarts and pints.

LIQUEUR.

Benedictine from the Monastery.

C. P. &amp; Co. are the Sole Consignors of this

world wide Liqueur.

For Prices apply to either of the above Firms

marked with an asterisk.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company

are requested to furnish the under-signed

with a copy of the Contracts for the

Year ending 31st December, in order that the

Distribution of the Premiums reserved

for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not

rendered prior to the 30th day of November next, will be adjusted by the Comp. At, and no

Claims or Alteration will be subsequently

admitted.

JARDINE, MATHEWS &amp; CO., General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1888.

## SUMMER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM LAUNCH.

"MORNING STAR."

Run Daily by Ferry Boat between PEDDAN's

WHARF and Tsim-Tsui-Tau at the following

hours—This Time Table will take effect from the 1st June, 1888.

Leave—Leaves—Leaves

Arrive—Arrive—Arrive

Leave—Leaves—Leaves

Arrive—Arrive—Arrive

Leave—Leaves—Leaves

Leave—Leaves—Leaves